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Christmas on the Yukou.

While you are pleasantly situated at home, surrounded by all the comforts and conveniences of civilization and enjoying many of its luxuries, let your thoughts wander in contemplation of the direful state of affairs said to be existing in the frozen gold fields of the Yukon, The loneliness and dreariness of that region is as nothing compared to the pangs of hunger and other afflictions that have overtaken the unfortunate but rash persone who swarmed into that country without a thought of the future. While there are some who begrudge the help that Congress has voted to extend to the sufferers with the specious argument that there are many at home in need of ald, the broad generosity and humanitartan spirit that is so conspicuous in the typical American cordially endorse the

The plight of the people is pitiful, and to relieve them Secretary Alger is now negotiating for 500 reindeer in Lapland, to be placed in charge of expert drivers to carry provisions for their relief. mining engineer writing from Dawson City in October said people were still coming in over the trail without provisions, but that the police forced every one that came empty-handed to go down the river at once to points reached by be-lated boats with supplies. The engineer, or some one of his party, stood guard nightly over their rations. Nothing was sold at the stores, and robberles were not uncommon. Not a hotel, restaurant or bakery was open in the town, and there are no lodging houses. The strange spectacle is presented of a town of 5,000 Americans on the barren bank of an arctic river cut off from the world and anxious about food enough to sustain life through the long winter. maintained, because the feeding of prisoners is out of the question.

Some parties at Talya have offered to deliver 50,000 pounds of provisions with-in fifty days at Dawson City, provided the government will pay \$75,000 for the service. "This," says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "is at the rate of \$1.50 a pound, and recalls the days when everything in the remote diggings of California was \$2 a pound, no matter whether the article sold was rice or soap or tea. The cost of freighting wiped out that of the commodity. Early in October flour was \$2 25 a pound at Dawson City, coal oil \$15 a gallon, dried fish, the standard food for dogs, \$1 a pound, and wood, sawed and split, \$50 a cord. Wages were \$15 a day, but this would buy less than seven pounds of flour. It may well be said that the gold hunters on the Upper Yukon are confronted by a condition. But the most of them are citizens of the United States, and the government s not indifferent to the pe threaten them."

Just as Pernicions.

The public hanging of Morgan, the Jackson county murderer, gave the sen-sational papers of the country the opportunity of casting some undeserved slurs on West Virginia. The Intelligencer, with other papers of the state, has deplored the publicity of executions, but it did not give any more prominence to the matter than was actually necessary. Certain of the metropolitan press, however, had special correspondents on the ground to supply sensational and exaggerated details. In this connection the Parkersburg State Journal very uptly remarks: "We are at a loss to decide which is the worst, the degrading spectacle of the hanging of John Morgan in the presence of 5,000 morbid people, or the grossly exaggerated accounts of the same which some of the metropolitan pepers published, and the ridiculous observations made concerning West Virginia, "barbarity," etc., based on the greatly overdrawn accounts. The first spectacle is bad enough, and so far is the truthful story of that deplorable event, but the hideous coloring added by the weird imagination of the spectal correspondents sent there by some Cincinnati and New York papers, is worse, and is sufficiently sensational to warrant the death sentence being executed on them.

West Virginia has long been a suffered from misrepresentation by the papers of the larger cities, who seem to think the people of this commonwealth are "fair game." Unfortunately we have a certain class of "special-correspondents" within our borders who add color to these almost daily slanders. When news is dull it is the easiest thing in the world to locate a tragedy in one of the remote counties and dress it up in true yellow journalism style. It sells. It is made to sell, and the truth is never for a moment considered in the matter.

Some of the self righteous journals have affected to see much deprayity in character of the people of West Virginia, but they are nothing more than sewer birds who delve and dig for the most salacious and most repulsive mat ter to lay before their readers. In reality the matter contained in some of these papers is a very suggestive reflection on erywhere.

the taste of their readers. It is also pleasant to know that papers of that stripe would not be supported in any city this state. Where are the most revolting crimes committed? In these very communities whose leading journals presume to preach a higher morality to West Virginia. The horrible murder of Guldensuppe, in New York, the Pearl Bryan case in Cincinnati, and the doing away with Mrs. Luetgert in Chicago, are enough examples to point out whose doorsteps need a thorough cleansing. Taking West Virginia as a whole it stands much higher in respect for the law and the morality and integrity of its people are of finer texture than those centres of "advanced" civilization that seek to defame her.

The Blot on the 'Scatcheon.

alry and nobleness, the proudest state in the Union, is now writhing under a terrible blot on her escutcheon. Not long ago the attorney general revealed the startling fact that during the year up to November 1, 200 homicides had been committed in the state. The revelation aroused the state. churches to action, and the Episcopal church took the lead in preaching against "the shockingly frequent and unpunished violation of the sixth com-mandment." The Methodist denomination joined with the Episcopalians in the crusade against the crime of killing.

Bishop Capers in his address struck the true root of the appalling evil when he ittributed the increase in murders to the flagrant violation of the law against carrying concealed weapons and the fault of the juries in letting murderers go unwhipped. In Trinity church, Columbia, Dr. Evants bitterly contrasted Carolina formerly a leader in chivalry and nobleness, with the Carolina of to-day. "She is still a leader, but a leader in crime,

Another minister who was not afraid to "talk out in meeting," was Rev. A. R. Mitchell, who recited that in recent years a man who had slain a poor negro in his cell and boasted of the blood upon his hands had been elected by the South Carolina senate to a high office in that body, alluding to the election of J. C. Caughman as reading clerk of the senate, he having been indicted for lynching a negro in Lexington a few years ago. South Carolina is not the only southern state that stands in need of having the moral "riot act" read to it, and it is high time that some heroic measures were doped to check the promiseuous and indiscriminate killing that has been going on in that section of the country. It is no wonder that the record of South Carolina has inspired the clergy to make the vigorous protest they have.

The December number of "The Mount," The monthly publication issued by the sprightly pupils of Mt. de Chantal, is more attractive than usual. The seasonable poem "Christmas Gifts," by Marie Magill breathes a most tender sentiment. There are four Christmas stories of real merit, "Okeuwold," by Frances McQuaide, being the most ambistories of real merit, "Okenwold," by many," by Emma Reymann, has a distinctive charm and a delicious flavor of the fatherland. "The Mount" shows careful and intelligent editing and preents itself to its pairons in very attractive form.

Set a thief to catch a thief is an old axiom, but for thieves to systematically rob thieves is something new, and the story that comes from Paris is rather novel. A gang has been organized there to prey upon other gangs. Their plan was to watch for shoplifters in the de-partment stores like the Louvre and the Bon Marche, to follow them home, and then enter under pretense of being police inspectors to search their apartments for stolen goods, which they carried off, with no fear of complaint being made.

The tragic end of the accomplished daughter of ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert, at Washington, yesterday, will profoundly shock capital society circles. in which the accomplished young lady was an acknowledged leader. The blow will be a crushing one to her distinguished father, as she has presided over the household since the death of her mother.

The trouble between the aged General Cassius M. Clay andhischild wife seem to be nearing the culmination point, and when that is reached there may be a tragedy to detail. His marriage was one of the most indiscreet things this generally level-headed man ever did.

When Prince Henry arrives in Chinese waters he will find that there are others whose mission it is to "spread the gospel of consecrated persons." And they have guns and ships, too.

A Turkish fort fired on an American vessel the other day, but the apology was so prompt that it scarcely rises to the

dignity of an incident worth mentioning.

Now Japan has got "a move on hersale, and will be present when China is carved up for the powers. Alas for yellow jackets and three-eyed

eacock feathers! Li Hung doesn't seem to be in it a ifttle bit. He that makes one soul happy that

was forlorn will enjoy his Christmas all

Now if the weather clerk is not again fooling us, the past will be forgotten and

Time to buy your Christmas gift, even if you can't avoid the rush.

WHAT THE BACHELOR SAYS.

It is getting so that the shopping sec-tion is no place for a really modest man. The reason why there is one place that is really hot is because the devil doesn't have to pay any bills for coal.

Sooner or later every woman that hasn't enough to do gets to a point where she wants to meet and resolve things.

A girl always enjoys being a brides-maid because she knows that all the men will tell her she looks sweeter than the bride.

When a woman tries to think what to tys her husband for Christmas she looks the house over to see what it needs most Probably the Klondike miners prefer-ed to stay and starve to death because they went back all their best friends could say "I told you so."—New York

IP you want to be on the safe side stick to the old reliable, Dr. Buil's Cough Syrup. It is sold by dealers ev-

POINTED PARAGRAPHS. An idle baker does not make a hot loaf

Newspaper tales should always have proper heads.

The man who tells you he is no fool may be only mistaken. The barber is the only man who does headwork with his hands.

The mercury never gets warm in its efforts to lower the record.

It was originally intended to have sheet music sung by the choir.

Some men act like hogs and there are others who do not need to act.

The horseless carriage is a novelty, but the cowless milk wagon is a chestnut.

The longer a man is married the less he dodges when his wife throws rilings at

The most pitiful objects in this world are firls who act like men and men who act like girls. Some married couples are so quarrel-some that they dare not sit near the open window for fear of falling out.

"Yes, indeed," said the doctor, cheerily, sautting the inner door of his office and motioning the visitor to a leather-bottomed chair, "I expect to score a great success with that fellow who came under my care last night. When he was brought in by the ambulance, the officers said he couldn't live. In the morning all the papers declared that death was only a matter of a few hours. But I worked upon him. I took him in hand and cared for the concussions, reduced fractures and disinfected the wounds. The man is now rapidly improving. I left him an hour ago, and he was getting on so well that the trained nurses were almost paralyzed with surprise.

"Ah, it's a great thing, this modern surgery. Think of the barbarities of the old-time bonesawyers, and then see how artistically a finished modern praceltioner, like myself, can attend to such a case ily, shutting the inner door of his office

er, like myself, can attend to such a case as this!"

The Christmas Feast.

Mr. Noowed (cautiously)-"Loveydovey, what makes this turkey taste so queer?" Mrs. Noowey (weeping)-"Well, darling, I stuffed it with cranber-ries, just as eyerybody does, and it isn't my fault if it hasn't come out all right." —Brooklyn Life.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT GRANDPA'S.

We're goin' down to grandpa's house to spend our Christmas there, Where Santa Claus comes ever' time if nights are rough or fair. 'Cause grandpa's old and he has heard him lots of times when he— I mean old Santa Claus—came down the chimney stealthily.

You ought to see my grandpa's house about the holidays— Big rooms; a fireplace where the logs jus' see how they can blaze; A sideboard with red apples that from out

the drawers peep; And feather beds that hide you 'most when you crawi in to sleep.

His pile of night-wood on the porch—w'y, even that's a sight,
Brought in to make a roarin' fire keep burnin' half the night.
For, Christmas eves we play till twelve, and then the fire dies low.
Santa Claus can seramble down and not get scorched, you know.

Our grandpa-and our grandma, too-they seem to think that boys.
Should have some pleasures same as men, although they make some noise. If you should stamp or yell out loud you never hear them say, "Wy, children! Do not act like mules! You'll drive us all away!"

When feedin's done and all the stock is sheltered in the barn.
And you can hear the horses as they're munchin' hay and corn.
And when the world grows dark and stars are "fox-live" of the skies.
The table's spread and all go in, and—then it's awful nice.

For grandpa asks the blessin', and our grandma from the not.

Pours coffee that's the bestest yet, so brown and steamin' hot!

She don't say, "If you drink this, now, you cannot sleep to-night"—

And if she gives us coffee, well, it's nothin' else but right.

They hass the sausage and fried ribs the second time at least.

And butter'n eggs and ever'thing that goes to make a feast.

"You've caten nothin'—have some more," they urge, till, I am boun'
To say the country "supper" beats the "dinner" in the town.

When enterin' the sittin' room—the supper through—the fire is punched and made to sparkle up, and up, and up still higher!
And when us children play our games the two old people sit—the readin' on one side the hearth, while she on t'other'll knit.

Some neighbor, maybe, happens in, and holds his achin' hands
Before the fire to thaw as he a moment leanin' stands;
And soon they'll chat of late-sown wheat, or wonder if the snow
Ain't bout as deep as 'twas this night jus' thirty years ago.

Or, changin', talk of one who's gone where's Christmas always now—Some little aunt we never knew; and then our grandma'll how a trifle lower as she knits, and grandpa'll half-way rise
And poke the fire and say the smoke somehow affec's his eyes.

Or, better'n all, they'll tell of things that happened, and are true, or ghosts and wolves and bears and how the pioneers would do:

And this will make us crowd up close and glance around, afeard—
We know we'll have such awful dreams and think of all we've heard.

By-'n-by the time to go to bed! and on the mantelpiece
We'll hang our whockin's so they'll be the
first thing Santa sees:
Then, samp beneath the biankets, we will
laten to the roar
Of winds that grandpa laughs and says is
gray-haired Winter's snore.

And as we look upon the meen, a plaque above the hills.
Or on the shadow-army that the silent chamber fills,
We feel, while murmurin our prayers,
God's mighty good to pause.
And think of children now and then—and send us Santa Claus!
—Will T, Hale.

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enism to the old soldiers. A veteran himself and a member of the party that has been the champion of the interests of the old soldiers, he can regulate the pension policy of the government in a way that will not include worthy pensioners among the cheats and frauds. It is apparent that steps must be taken to check the increase of pensions. The list constitutes more than one-third of the ordinary expenditures of the government. As a result of legislation by congress, it rose from \$87,624,779 in 1889 to \$106,938,855 in 1890. In round numbers it was \$124,000,000 in 1891, \$135,000,000 in 1892, \$139,000,000 in 1893, \$141,000,000 in 1893, \$141,000,000 in 1895, \$141,000,000 in 189

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